Opening of Super Computer Centres in Uttar Pradesh .

*287. KUMARI ALIA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any proposal under Government's consideration to open Super Comupter Centres in Uttar Pradesh;

(b) if so, whether such a centre would be set up at Faizabad in that State; and

(c) the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (PROF. M. G. K. MENON): to (c) There is no proposal under consideration of the Government to open Super Computer in Uttar Pradesh. However, the Super Computer Cray X-MP|14 at National Centre for Medium Range Wheather Forecasting (NCMRWF), Department of Science & Technology, was installed in the campus of India Metrological Department, New Delhi in 1988 as an iterim measure. For the development of permanent campus for NCMRWF. Department of Science & Technology is negotiating with NOIDA Authorities, U.P. for getting the land. There is no proposal to set up such a Centre at Faizabad in Uttar Pradesh.

Funds Provided for the Development of Forests in West Bengal .

*288. PROF. SOURENDRA BHATTACHARJEE: Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the West Bengal Government has been urging upon the Central Government to release funds for forest development in the State but the same has not been given proper consideration;

(b) whether Government had provided any funds for development of forests and forestry in West Bengal during the last three years;

(c) if so, the details thereof; and

(d) what further steps would be taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Central Government have been providing funds to the States including West Bengal under various Centrally Sponsored schemes after proper consideration.

(b) and (c) Statement giving details of funds provided during the last three years is laid on the Table of the House.

(d) Funds will be made available on the basis of proposals of the State Governments under the ongoing Centrally Sponsored Schemes subject to the availability of funds.

Statement

Details of Central Assistance provided to West Bengal for Forest Development during the period 1987-88 *to* 1989-90 Rs. in Lakhs

Sl. No.	Name of the Scheme	Central Assistance Provided		
		1987-88	1988-89	1989-90
1	2	3	4	5
1.	Rural Fuelwood Plantations	20.00	53.98	31.67
2.	Silvipasture Development	6.75	16.24	26.06

1	2	3	4	5
3.	Area Oriented Fuelwood an Fodde Project .	..	12.00	31.65
4.	Operation Soil Watch	79.74	79.42	80.00
5.	Integrated Wastelands Development Project .	..	..	47.94
6.	Aerial Seeding	..	..	5.37
7.	Minor Forest Produce	..	12.65	31.35
8.	Seed Development	..	6.60	..
9.	Decentralised People's Nurseries . . .	74.65	101.74	72.35
10.	Forest Protection Force	..	5.655	4.057
11.	Development of Sanctuaries	5.40	3.035	8.45
12.	Control of Poaching	..	1.485	3.54
13.	Wildlife Education and Interpretation . .	1.50	0.50	1.955
14.	*Captive Breeding and Rehabilitation of Endange*red species	0.75	0.25	..
15.	Project Tiger	40.56	36.97	57.76
16.	Biosphere Reserve	..	..	22.00
17.	Conservation of Mangroves in Sunderbans. .	..	..	31.30
18.	National Rural Employment Programme . .	910.15	1065.05	..
19.	Rural Landless Employment Guarantee Programme	462.06	448.60	..
20.	Jawahar Rozgar Yojana	..	..	1264.9 (Upto Sep. 89)
21.	Drought Prone Area Programme . . .	128.98	130.87	86.38
22.	River Valley Projects	10000*	100.00*	100.00*
23.	Flood Prone – Ganga Basin	87.50*	92.50*	90.00*

*Total allocation

Earth Day Celebrations

*289. SHRI RAM AWADHESH SINGH: Will the iMnister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

(a) whether India observed the Earth Day this year; if so, the aims and objectives of the Earth Day;

(b) whether any specific positive projects programmes have been undertaken by Government; and

(c) whether any time-frame has been fixed for these programmes; if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes, Sir. The major objective of Earth Day, 1990 was to launch 1990-2000 as the decade of environmental activism all over the world reflecting that major environmental threats are global in scope.

(b) The Ministry activised a large number of Central and State Government Departments, NGOs, professional bodies, educational institutions etc. to organise suitable activities such as tree plantation, telecasting of films, seminars, padayatras,